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# Welcome



Stop along the pathway of history as you explore the Michigan Historical Museum system. At the Michigan Historical Museum in downtown Lansing, visitors are surrounded by Michigan's past, from prehistoric times through the late twentieth century. Across

Michigan, the twelve museums and historic sites within the system feature aspects of

Michigan's fascinating history. From the opportunity to retrace the paths of the first French missionaries and explorers to a chance to learn more about the iron and copper mining industries; from discovering the lifestyles of the lumberjacks to learning about the social customs of genteel Victorian society; from interpreting the cultures of early Native American peoples to imagining life along an early Michigan thoroughfare, the museums and historic sites of the Michigan Historical Museum system present a rich panorama of Michigan's past.

Enjoy the entire Michigan Historical Museum system—your pathway to fun-bridging Michigan's magnificent peninsulas with the rich heritage of our state.



# Michigan Historical Museum

Lansing



Flagship of Michigan's state museum system, the Michigan Historical Museum surrounds visitors with Michigan history from prehistoric times through 1975. Major exhibit environments include a three-story relief map of Michigan, walk-through Upper Peninsula copper mine, lumber baron's mansion, one-room schoolhouse, 1920s street scene, 1930s bungalow, 1957 Detroit Auto Show, and a diorama featuring Michigan's woods and waters. Twenty-six permanent galleries and a Special Exhibit Gallery are located on five levels. Explore the Museum Store for Michigan history-related publications and gift items.



## Daily Attractions

- Michigan Historical Museum tours approximately two hours (handicapper accessible)
- Snack shop available (Monday - Friday)
- Special events throughout the year (call for details)

**Address:** 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48909

**Phone:** (517) 373-3559 [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org) **Location:** 2 blocks west of Capitol. Follow Capitol Loop signs. Take I-496 to M.L. King exit. Go north continuing on Capitol Loop. **Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Admission:** Free. Parking is free on weekends. Minimal parking charge on weekdays.

# Mann House

## Concord

In 1883 Daniel and Ellen Mann built their two-story house in the small, picturesque farming community of Concord. The late-Victorian building features front and back parlors, unusual catch-release doorknobs and a marbled slate fireplace. Eight rooms of the home contain period furniture pieces dating from the 1840s through 1873—the year Ellen and Daniel were married. Restored flower and herb gardens and a carriage house with carriages, sleighs and other artifacts help illustrate the way Michiganders worked and played in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In 1969 the Mann sisters, Jessie Ellen Mann and Mary Ida Mann Cady, bequeathed their home to the people of Michigan. The Mann House opened to the public as a museum one year later.



### Daily Attractions

- Guided tours of the historic house
- Guided tours of the historic gardens
- Special programs for educators, families and children



**Address:** 205 Hanover, Concord, MI 49237  
**Phone:** (517) 524-8943  
[www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org)  
**Location:** 12 miles west of Jackson via M-60. The house is located by the Presbyterian Church. **Hours:** June 1 through September 11; Wednesday - Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Admission:** Free. Please allow one hour to tour the house and grounds. Mann House is not handicapper accessible.

# Walker Tavern

## Cambridge Junction



From 1836 to 1853—when a stagecoach ride from Detroit to Chicago was an arduous five-day trip—a favorite stopping place to change horses, relax, and enjoy a meal was Lucy and Sylvester Walker's farmhouse tavern. Their Federal-style home and New England-style farm were located at the intersection of the Detroit-Chicago Road and the Monroe

Pike at Cambridge Junction. The Walker Tavern Complex interprets Michigan's frontier settlement and stagecoach eras during the first half of the nineteenth century.

### Daily Attractions

- Visitor center with exhibits
- Audiovisual program
- Period historical room exhibits
- Programming for educators, families and children
- Picnicking facilities available on-site

**Address:** 13220 M-50 Brooklyn, MI 48230 **Phone:** (517) 467-4401  
[www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org) **Location:** In the Irish Hills region, 35 miles west of Ann Arbor at the junction of U.S. 12 and M-50. **Hours:** June 1 through September 11; Wednesday - Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed RACE weekends. Remainder of the year by special appointment. Allow one to two hours for your visit. **Admission:** Free.



# Hartwick Pines Logging Museum

## Grayling

Hartwick Pines Logging Museum is situated among the towering trees of one of Michigan's largest remaining stands of virgin white pine. Here, visitors return to the state's nineteenth-century logging era, when thousands of men cut millions of board feet of lumber and Michigan led the nation in sawed lumber production. Within the forest visitor center and logging camp buildings, exhibits and period rooms tell the stories of the loggers, rivermen and entrepreneurs who powered Michigan's white pine industry. A paved trail through the forest leads visitors to the three-hundred-year-old Monarch pine, a remnant of the ancient forests that once covered most of northern Michigan.



## Daily Attractions

- Visitor center with exhibits, audiovisual programs and museum store
- Logging camp exhibits
- Forest trails
- Camping, picnicking, hiking and other seasonal activities

**Address:** 4216 Ranger Road, Grayling, MI 49738 **Phone:** (989) 348-7068

**www.michiganhistory.org** **Location:** 8 miles northeast of Grayling on M-93. From 1-75, take exit 259. **Hours:** June through Labor Day, daily 9:00 a.m. to dusk.

**Admission:** Entrance requires a state park motor vehicle permit.

# Civilian Conservation Corps Museum

Roscommon



In an effort to "put Americans back to work" during the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) enrolled over 100,000 young men in Michigan to perform a variety of conservation and reforestation projects. Between 1933 and 1942, the Michigan CCC planted 484 million trees, spent 140,000 days fighting forest fires, and constructed 7,000 miles of truck trails, 504 bridges and 222 buildings. Their accomplishments also revitalized the Michigan state park system, helped to establish Isle Royale National Park and improved campgrounds in Michigan's national forests. With the United States' entry into World War II, the CCC

was discontinued. CCC alumni donated to the museum many of the photographs and artifacts depicting their day-to-day life and accomplishments.

## Daily Attractions

- Replica CCC barracks building with exhibits
- Nature walk through pine nursery, cone barn with exhibits and other outdoor exhibits
- Camping, swimming and other seasonal activities
- Museum tour (allow one hour to tour grounds)

**Address:** P.O. Box 1252, Roscommon, MI 48653 **Phone:** (517) 373-3559

**www.michiganhistory.org** **Location:** CCC Museum is located in North Higgins Lake State Park, 15 miles south of Grayling along Roscommon Road. Exit 1-75 or U.S. 27. **Hours:** May 28 through September 5, daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Admission:** Free.

# Father Marquette Memorial

## St. Ignace

Father Jacques Marquette, a French Jesuit missionary and explorer, established Michigan's earliest European settlements at Sault Ste. Marie (1668) and St. Ignace (1671). On a rise overlooking the Straits of Mackinac, the Father Marquette National Memorial tells the story of that seventeenth-century missionary-explorer and the meeting of French and Native American cultures deep in the North American interior.



### Daily Attractions

- The Father Marquette National Memorial
- 15-station interpretive trail
- Panoramic view of the Mackinac Bridge
- Modern camping (available in Straits State Park)

**Address:** 720 Church Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781

**Phone:** Park office (906) 643-8620 [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org)

**Location:** Enter from Boulevard Drive, off U.S. 2, one block west of I-75.

**Hours:** Memorial Day through September, daily 9:00 a.m. to dusk.

**Admission:** Free admission to memorial ground. Please allow one hour for your visit.



# Michigan Iron Industry Museum

## Negaunee

Amid the forested ravines of the Marquette Iron Range, the Michigan Iron Industry Museum overlooks the Carp River and the site of the first iron forge in the Lake Superior region. Museum exhibits, audio-visual programs and outdoor interpretive paths depict the large-scale capital and human investment that made Michigan an industrial leader. A planned building addition will expand exhibit space, house the restored 1860s mine locomotive Yankee, and

enhance visitor and educational services. For more information about the museum expansion visit [www.michigan.gov/ironindustrymuseum](http://www.michigan.gov/ironindustrymuseum)

### Daily Attractions

- Hands-on exhibits
- Outdoor interpretive paths
- 18-minute slide program, "Life on the Michigan Iron Ranges"
- Gift counter (please allow one hour to tour grounds)

**Address:** 73 Forge Road, Negaunee, MI 49886 **Phone:** (906) 475-7857

[www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org) **Location:** Enter from Forge Road off County Road

492 (Maas Street), across from the Negaunee cemetery. **Hours:** May through October, daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Admission:** Free. Please allow one to

two hours for your visit.

Fort Wilkins Historic Complex  
Copper Harbor Lighthouse

Michigan Iron  
Industry Museum

Fayette  
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History, Arts and Libraries.



### New This Year!

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and  
Underwater Preserve  
**See Page 12 for details**



# Michigan Historical Museum System



Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Michigan, the department also includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Library of Michigan and Michigan Film Office, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



# Copper Harbor Lighthouse

## Copper Harbor



Since 1849, twelve years before the Civil War, the Copper Harbor Light Station has marked the entrance to one of Michigan's northernmost harbors. Today, interactive exhibits, period rooms and interpretive trails tell of the dangers of Lake Superior shipping and the duties and homelife of lightkeepers and their families.

### Daily Attractions

- The 1848 keeper's dwelling
- 1866 lighthouse
- Museum exhibits
- 1844 copper mine site
- Interpretive trails and scenic vistas of Lake Superior

**Address:** Fort Wilkins State Park, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

**Phone:** (906) 289-4215 [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org) **Location:** Enter the Copper Harbor Marina from M-26, 1/2 mile west of Copper Harbor. **Hours:** Memorial Day through Labor Day, daily 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., weather permitting. Extended evening hours, July through August. Call ahead for fall schedule.

**Admission:** Public access is by round-trip boat transportation leaving from the Copper Harbor Marina. For current schedule and ticket information, call Fort Wilkins State Park at (906) 289-4215. Please allow two hours for your visit.

# Fort Wilkins

## Copper Harbor

Built in 1844 on the rugged shoreline of Lake Superior, Fort Wilkins is a well-preserved example of mid-nineteenth century army life on the northern frontier. Today, through exhibits, audio-visual programs and living history interpretation, visitors may explore the daily routine of military service and experience with soldiers' families the hardships of frontier isolation.



### Daily Attractions

- 21 historic buildings
- First commercial copper mine shafts on Keweenaw Point
- Costumed interpreters
- Lighthouse boat tour (fee charged)
- Modern camping and picnicking

**Address:** Fort Wilkins State Park, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

**Phone:** (906) 289-4215 [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org) **Location:** Enter from U.S. 41, one mile east of Copper Harbor.

**Hours:** Mid-May through mid-October, daily 8 a.m. to dusk. The 1848 Copper Harbor Light Station, including interactive exhibits, period rooms and interpretive trails, is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Call ahead for fall schedule.

**Admission:** Entrance requires a state park motor vehicle permit. Please allow two hours for your visit and an additional 1.5 hours for lighthouse tour.



# Fayette Historic Townsite

## Garden



Once a bustling industrial community that manufactured charcoal pig iron between 1867 and 1891, Fayette offers visitors the unmatched serenity of a Lake Michigan harbor, white cliffs and verdant forests. This well-preserved museum village recalls another time when it was a noisy, dirty company town with an immigrant population that shared daily hardships, joys and sorrows.

### Daily Attractions

- 20 historic buildings: furnace complex, town hall, hotel, company office and workers' homes, museum exhibits, outdoor walking tour and scenic overlooks
- A modern visitor center
- Scheduled guided tours, mid-June through August
- Camping, picnicking and swimming are available in the park



**Address:** Fayette Historic State Park, Garden, MI 49835

**Phone:** (906) 644-2603 [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org)

**Location:** Enter from M-183, between Manistique and Escanaba, 17 miles south of U.S. 2. **Hours:** Mid-May through mid-June, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mid-June through Labor Day, 9:00 a.m. to dusk. Labor Day through mid-October, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Admission:** By Michigan state park motor vehicle permit. Please allow two to three hours for your visit.

# Tawas Point Lighthouse

## East Tawas

Tawas Point Lighthouse, in operation since 1876 and now part of Tawas Point State Park, is a fascinating attraction for maritime buffs. Tawas Point is also a mecca for birdwatchers, especially in the migration seasons of spring and fall. Tawas Point also offers spectacular views of sunrises over Lake Huron and sunsets over Tawas Bay.

### Daily Attractions

- Lighthouse history
- Museum store
- Scenic views
- Michigan State Park camping and recreational facilities



**Address:** 686 Tawas Beach Road, East Tawas, MI 48730

**Phone:** (989) 362-5041 [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org)

**Location:** Tawas Point State Park is located off US-23, 2.5 miles southeast of East Tawas on Tawas Beach Road.

**Hours:** Call ahead or check Web site for 2005 season hours.

**Admission:** State park vehicle entry permit required.

# Sanilac Petroglyphs Bad Axe

Mythical water panthers, deer and a Native American archer still roam the banks of the Cass River, near Cass City. Etched into a sandstone outcrop by prehistoric artists, these rock carvings known as petroglyphs were first discovered after massive forest fires swept across the Lower Peninsula in 1881. Native Americans created this unusual artwork 300 to 1,000 years ago. The petroglyphs provide a glimpse into the lives of an ancient woodland people who once occupied Michigan's thumb area.



## Daily Attractions

- Petroglyph rock carvings
- Self-guided nature trail



**Address:** c/o Michigan Historical Museum, P.O. Box 30740, Lansing, MI 48909

**Phone:** (517) 373-3559 or [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org)

**Location:** Off of M-53 between Imlay City and Bad Axe. Take M-53 to Bay City-Forestville Road, proceed east to Germania Road and turn south. Travel 1/2 mile to the parking lot on the west side of Germania

Road. **Hours:** June 3 through August 28, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday **Admission:** Free. Allow 1 – 1½ hours for your visit.



# Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Alpena

Lake Huron's unpredictable weather—its murky fog banks and sudden gales—coupled with rocky shoals, helped Thunder Bay earn the unfortunate name of "Shipwreck Alley." During the Great Lakes' 200-year shipping history, scores of vessels ended their careers on the lake floor off Alpena, Michigan. The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and



Underwater Preserve brings to the American public the lore of Great Lakes maritime heritage. The new 448-square mile sanctuary protects an estimated 116 historically significant shipwrecks ranging from nineteenth century wooden side-wheelers to twentieth century steel-hulled steamers. For more details, visit <http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/>

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